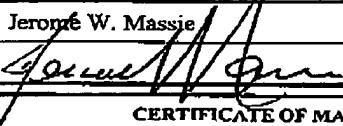


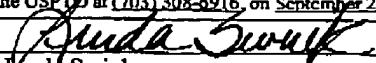
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL <small>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</small>	Application Number 09/667,827 Filing Date September 22, 2000 First Named Inventor Paula S. Fried Group Art Unit 3732 Examiner Name Cary E. O'Connor Attorney Docket Number 099488-2
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114	
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b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Submission of Formal Drawings v. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition For Withdraw From Issue 	
2. Miscellaneous	
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)	
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a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. <u>19-2380</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee of \$770.00 required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Petition for Withdrawal From Issue – \$130.00 iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17). 	
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